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*Michelle A. Carey*

RE: Request for Special Temporary Authority to Transfer Control of  
ConnectAmerica, Inc., Nunc Pro Tunc, Pending Grant of Permanent  
Authority

Dear Ms. Carey:

Pursuant to Sections 63.01 and 63.03 of the FCC's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.01, 63.03, Network US, Inc. d/b/a CA Affinity ("Network") hereby requests special temporary authority to acquire control of ConnectAmerica, Inc. ("Connect") pending grant of permanent authority for such transfer of control pursuant to a previously filed request in the above referenced transaction.

On July 8, 2004, Network and Connect closed a Certificate of Foreclosure Sale pursuant to a Uniform Commercial Code Foreclosure Sale under Chapter 810 Illinois Compiled Statutes Section 9-610 (the "Acquisition"). Connect's financial situation had been deteriorating rapidly. Network, a secured creditor, acted in order to protect the customers of Connect and prevent any disconnection of service to the customers.

Counsel for Network and Connect were not able to timely file the transfer of control application prior to the Acquisition. The filings were made as soon as possible upon being notified of the Acquisition.

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The public interest would be served by grant of this request for special temporary authority. The customers previously served by Connect will continue receiving quality telecommunications services from Network. Network regrets any difficulties or confusion caused by its actions and will strive to ensure timely filings in the future.

Considering the foregoing, Network and Connect hereby request the Bureau grant special temporary authority for Network and Connect to close the transaction, which would correct the prior unauthorized transfer. The special temporary authority is requested to extend until such time as the above-referenced acquisition is approved.

Enclosed please find the following documents:

1. The original and four (4) copies of an this Request for Special Temporary Authority to transfer control of ConnectAmerica, Inc. to Network US, Inc.
2. The original and four (4) copies of FCC Form 159.
3. Our check in the amount of \$860.00 representing the filing fee for this Application.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would appreciate if you would return a copy of this letter, date-stamped, in the envelope provided.

Sincerely,



EllenAnn G. Sands

Enclosures